

φ and ω decay modes ratios

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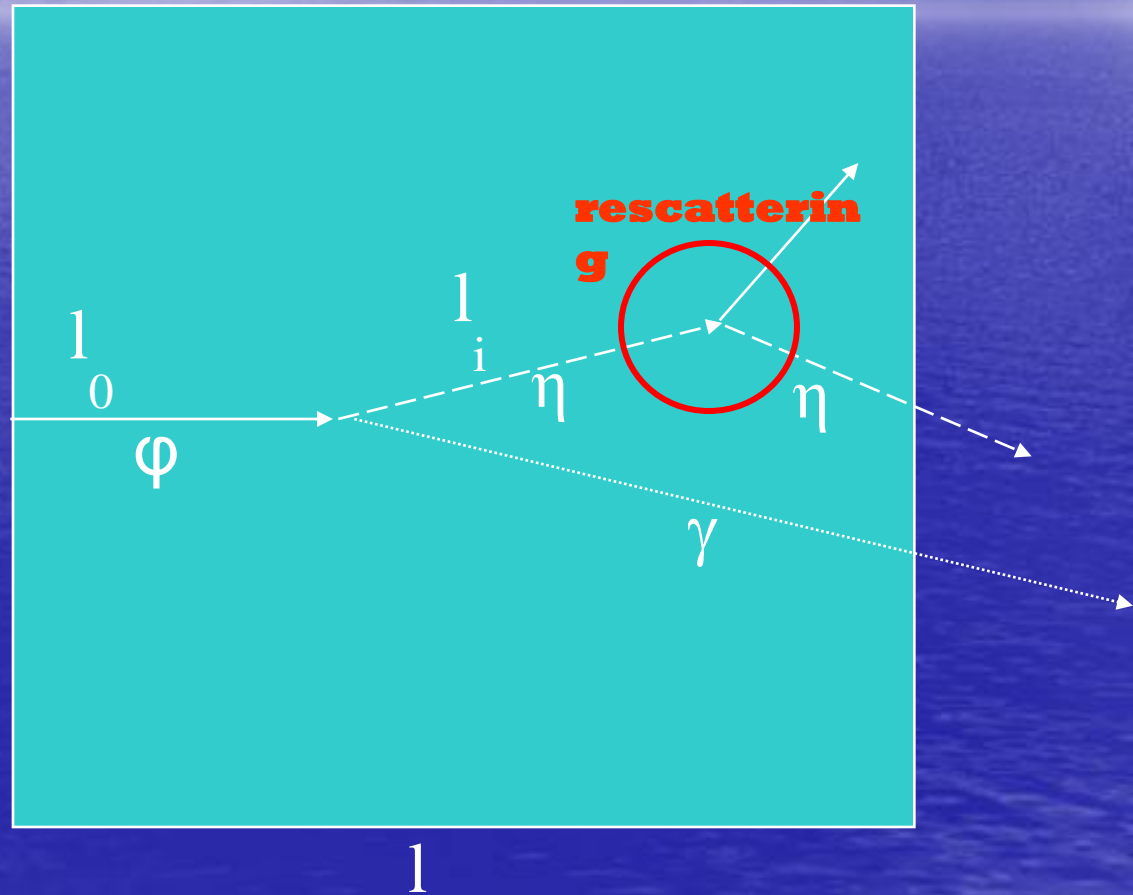
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Physical motivation

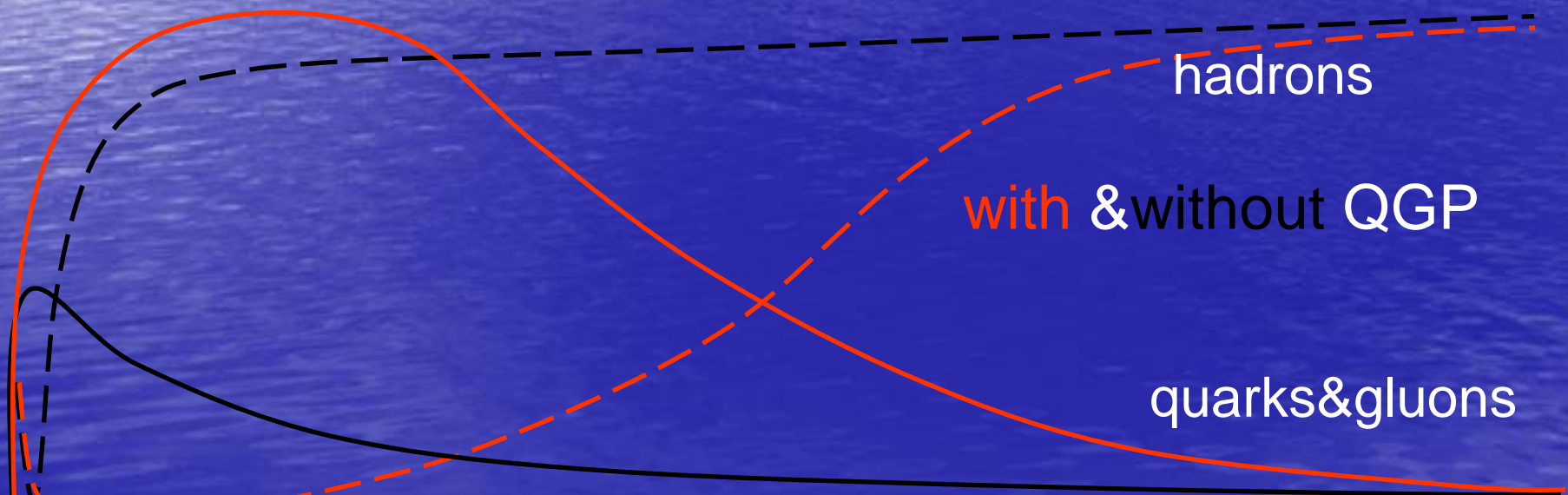
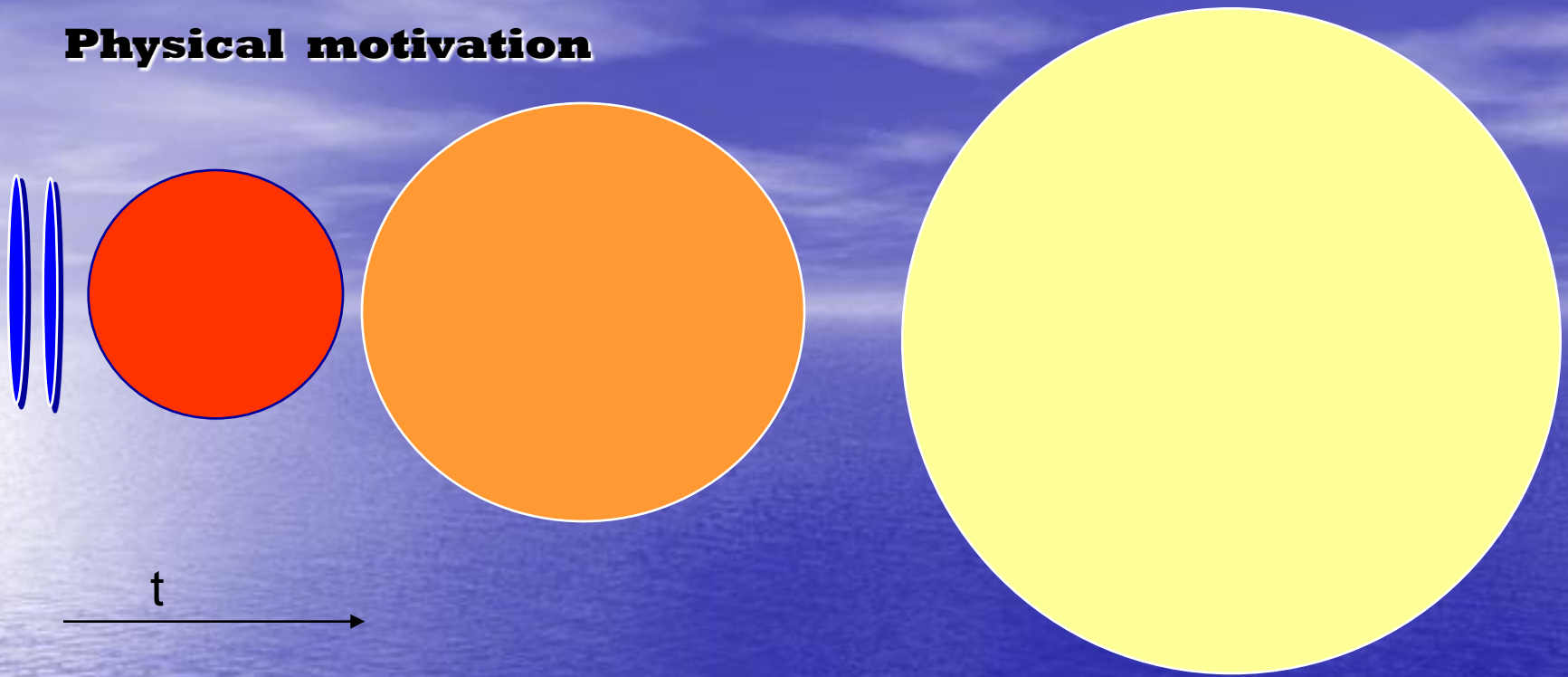
**If resonance decays before kinetic freeze-out \Rightarrow
Possible rescattering of hadronic daughters \Rightarrow
Reconstruction probability decrease for hadronic mode**

Possible applications:

- **K^*/K may reveal time between chemical and kinetic freeze-out**
- **Branching ratio between different decay modes may be sensitive to reaction mechanism (not only due to possible mass modification)**

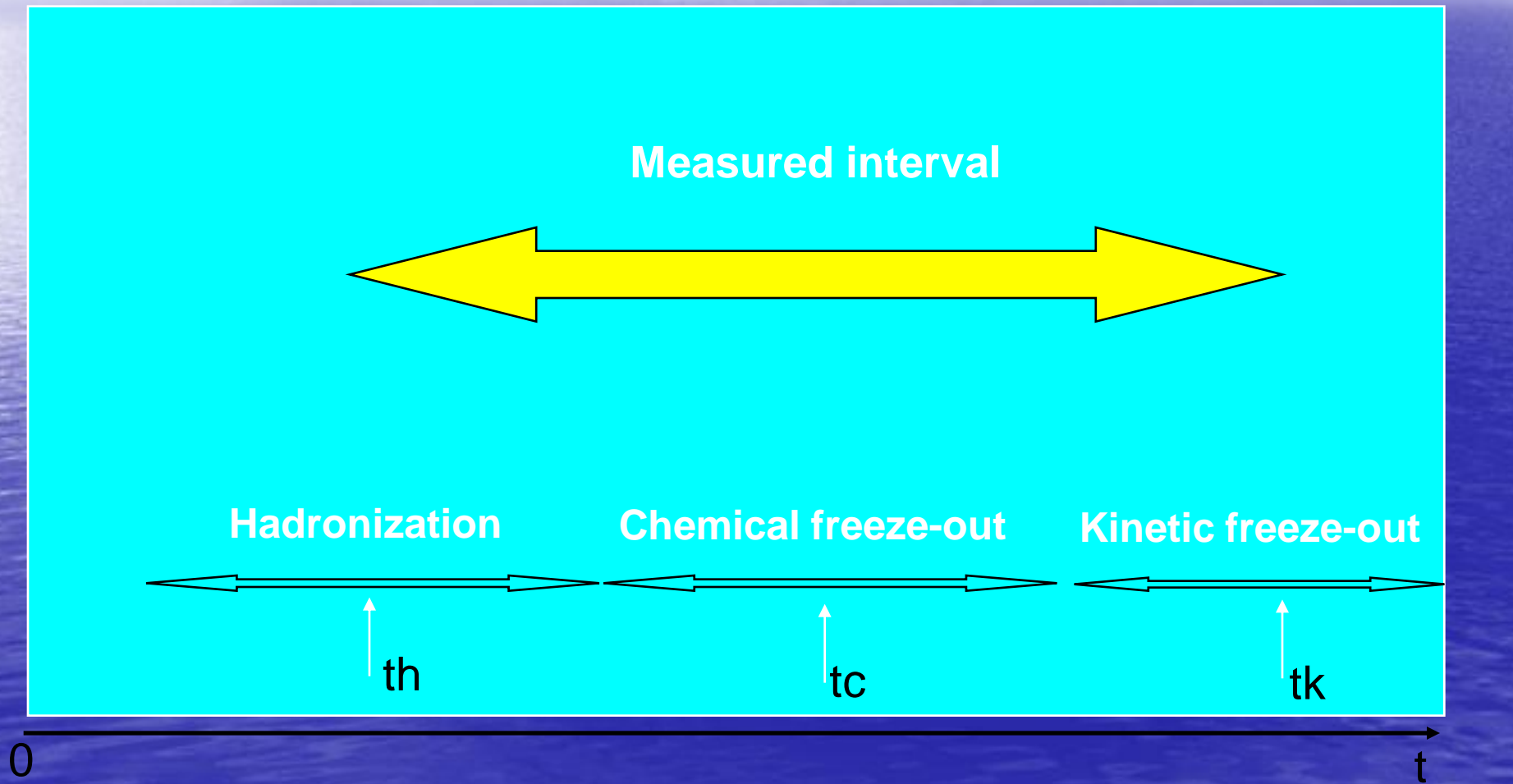


Physical motivation



Physical motivation

DECAY MODES RATIOS- NEW SOURCE OF INFORMATION



Physical motivation

Decay inside interaction region $c\tau < 50 \text{ fm}$

Combinatorial background for hadronic modes $c\tau > 5 \text{ fm}$

Possible candidates:

$\omega(782)$ ($c\tau = 23 \text{ fm}$)

$\phi(1020)$ ($c\tau = 44 \text{ fm}$)

Physical motivation

Branching ratio between different decay modes may be changed due to rescattering or (for example) due to possible mass modification

- **Solution-three (or more) modes**

$\omega(782) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$	B.R. 0.89
$\omega(782) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$	B.R. 0.017
$\omega(782) \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$	B.R. 0.089
$\omega(782) \rightarrow e^+ e^-$	B.R. 0.000072
$\phi(1020) \rightarrow K^+ K^-$	B.R. 0.49
$\phi(1020) \rightarrow \eta \gamma$	B.R. 0.013
$\phi(1020) \rightarrow e^+ e^-$	B.R. 0.000297

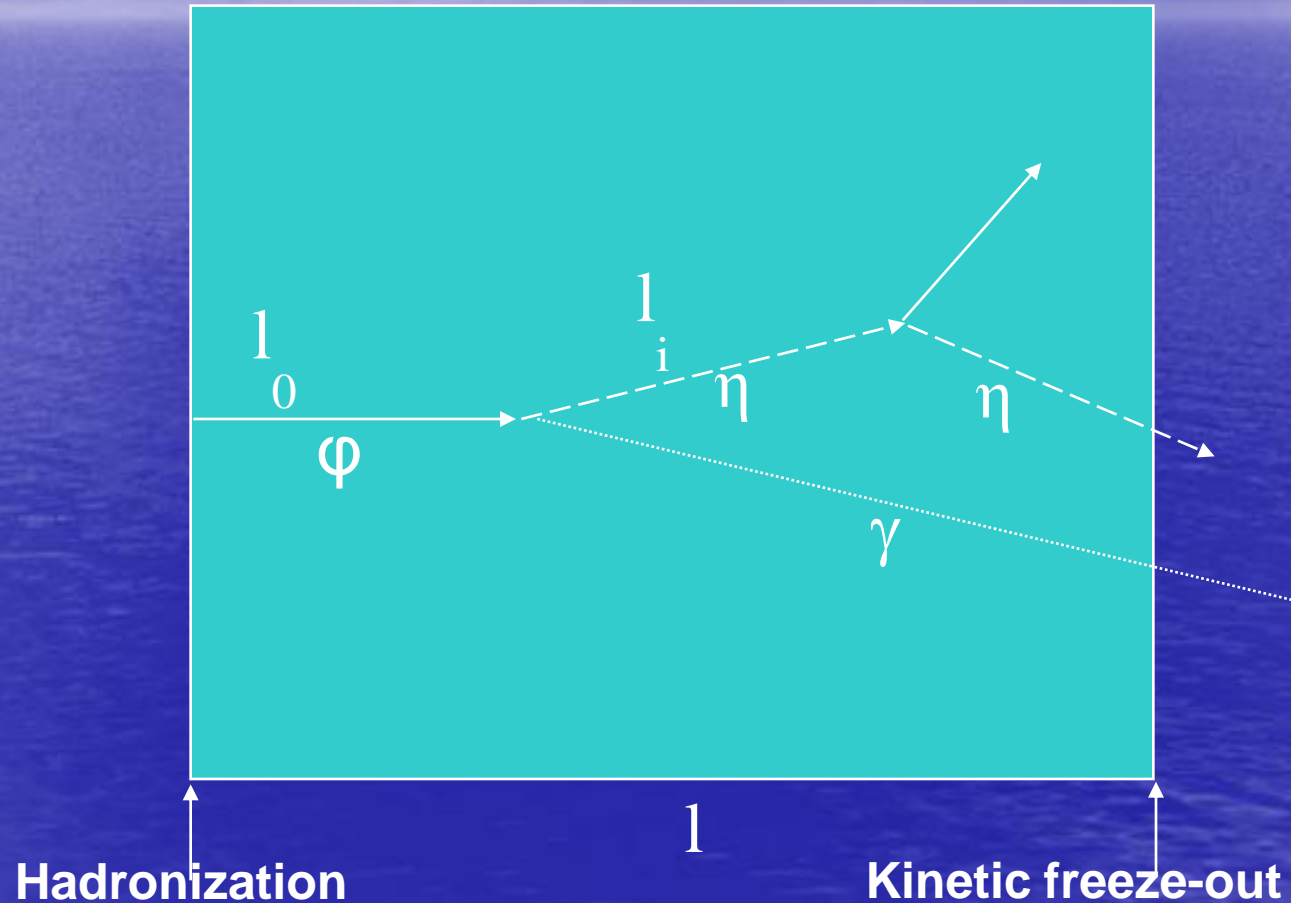
Sensitivity

$$l_0 \sim c\tau\beta/\sqrt{(1-\beta^2)} \sim$$

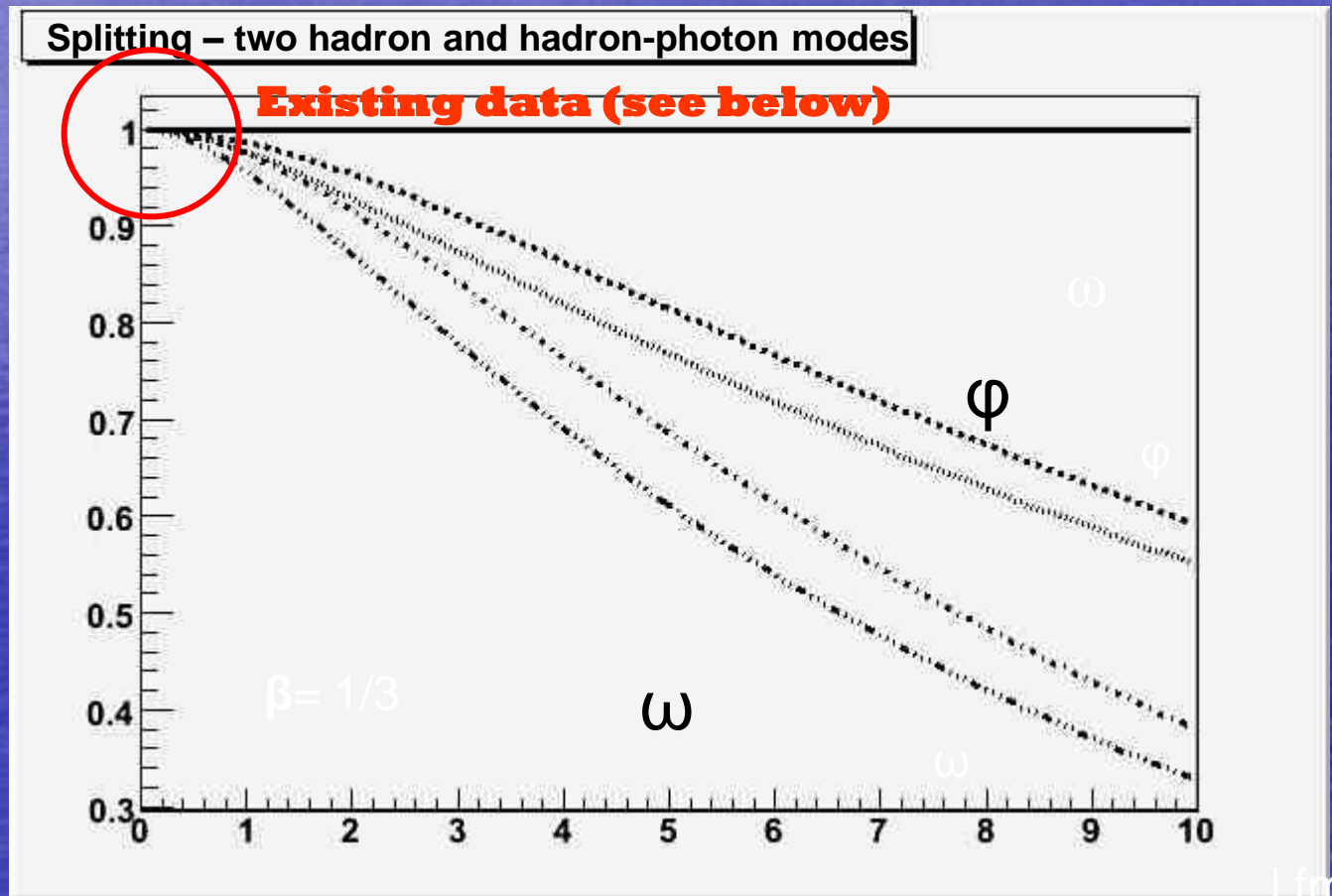
$\sim (\beta=1/3 \text{ for this estimate}) \sim$
 $\sim 15\text{fm (for } \varphi) \& 8\text{fm (for } \omega)$

Toy Model

$l_i \sim 2\text{fm}$ for any hadron & 1fm for any pair of hadrons



- Relative suppression of photonic & hadronic modes with respect to leptonic mode



**l -decay products
trajectory length
within matter
10 -decay length**

l/10 ~ 3-5 ?

l, fm

Sensitivity

1) $l \sim 30 \text{ fm}$ ALICE ?

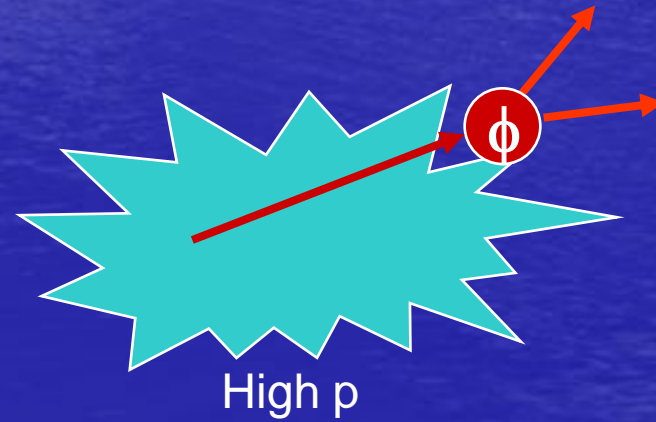
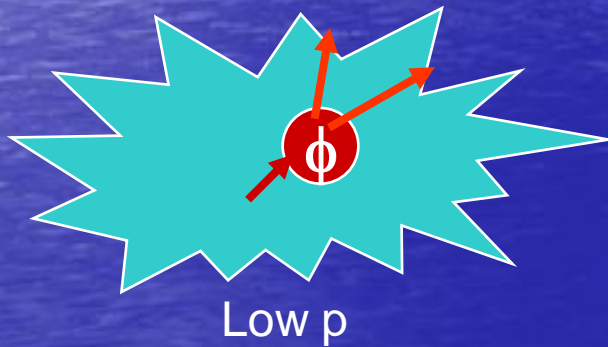
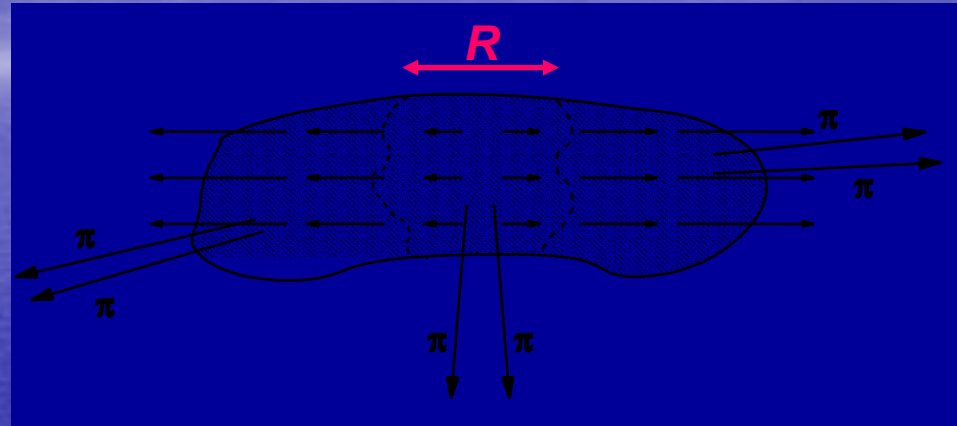
$l > R$ where $r \sim 5-7 \text{ fm}$

space-momentum
correlations \rightarrow
R-length of homogeneity

2) $v \sim 0.1c$ CBM ?

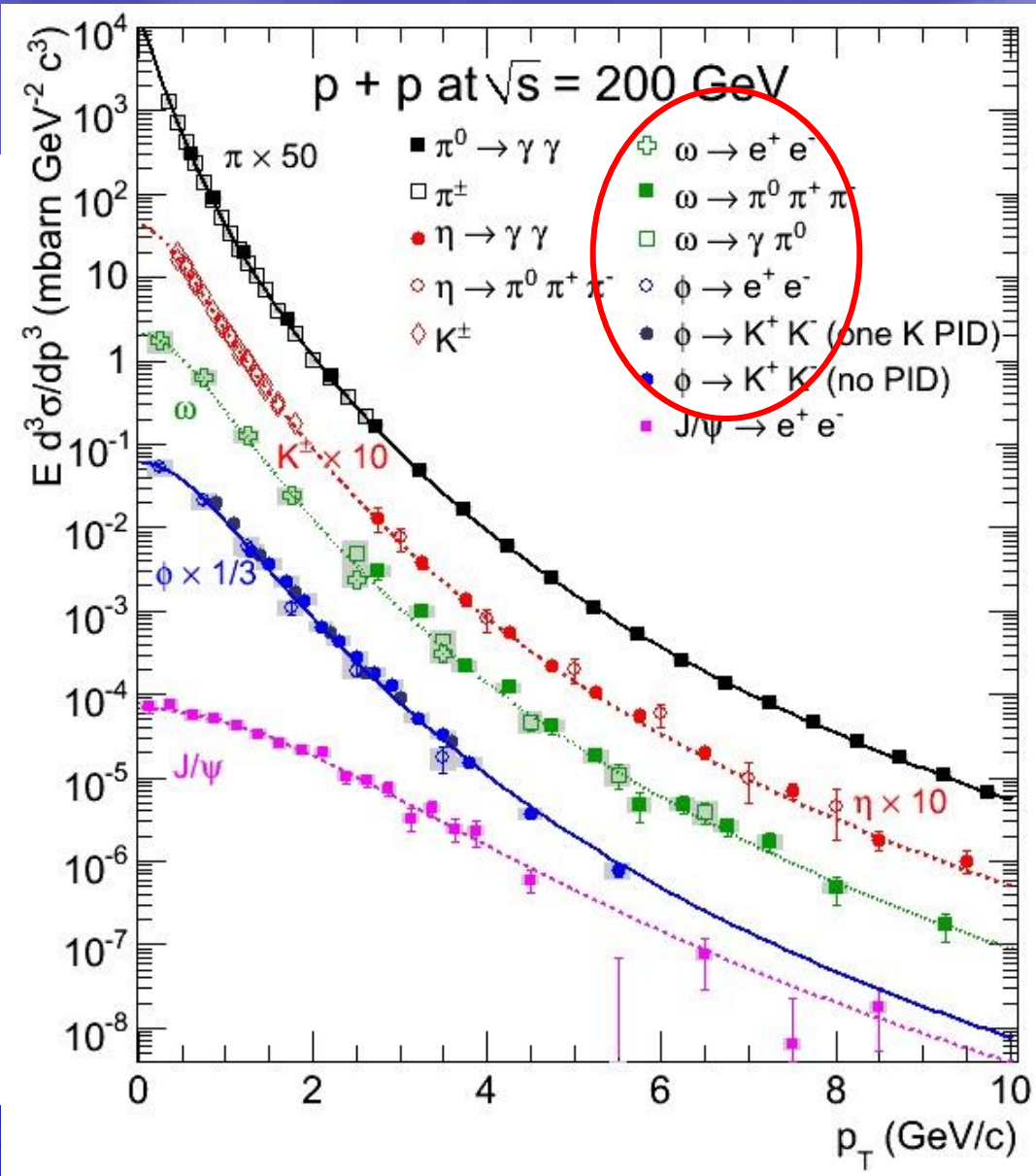
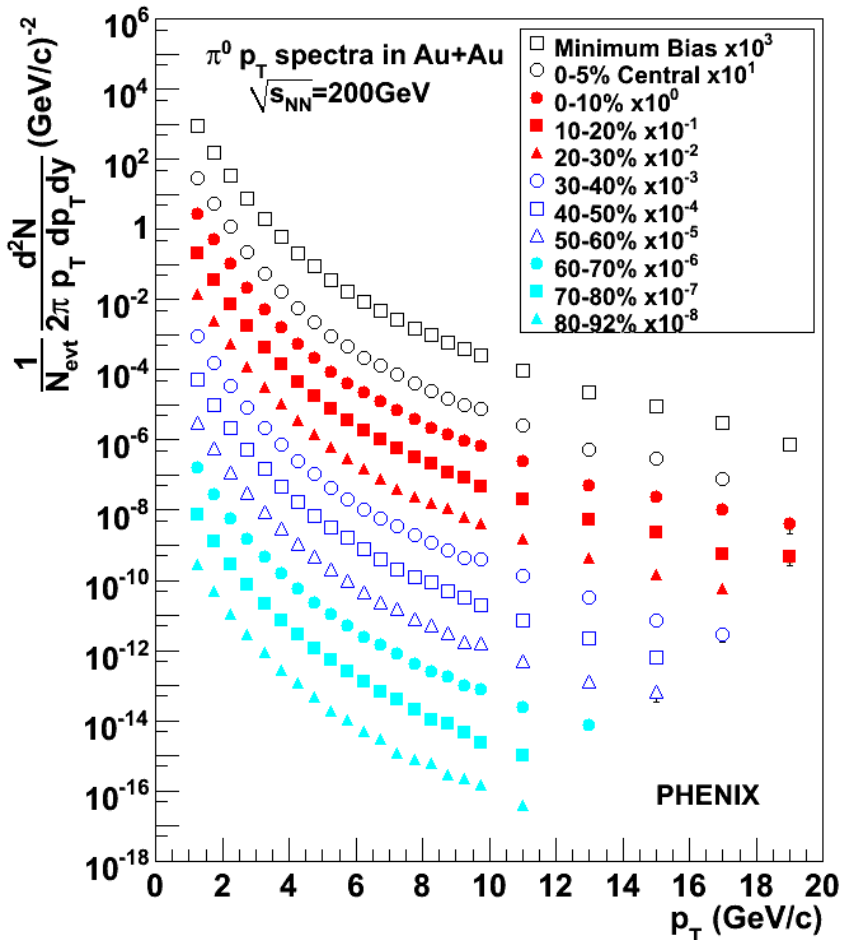
Fix target experiment

Femtoscscopy



Low momentum mesons tend to decay inside the hot/dense matter

Possibility



π^0 Au+Au 200 GeV (Run 4)

arXiv:0801.4020

Source: Vladislav Pantuev, PHENIX for XIX Baldin seminar, Dubna 2008

Possibility

sources:

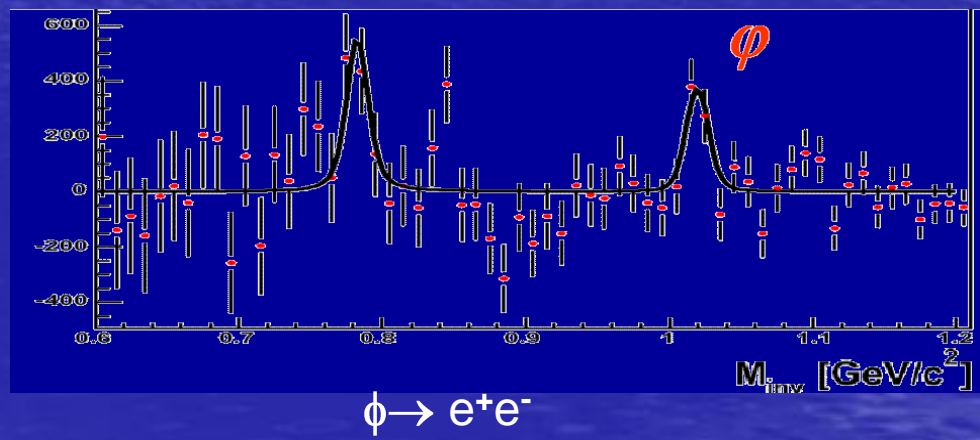
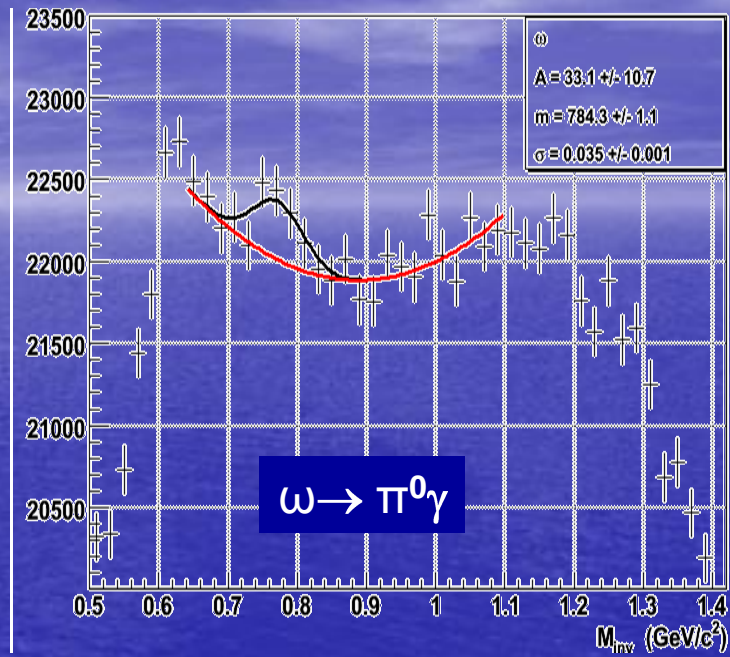
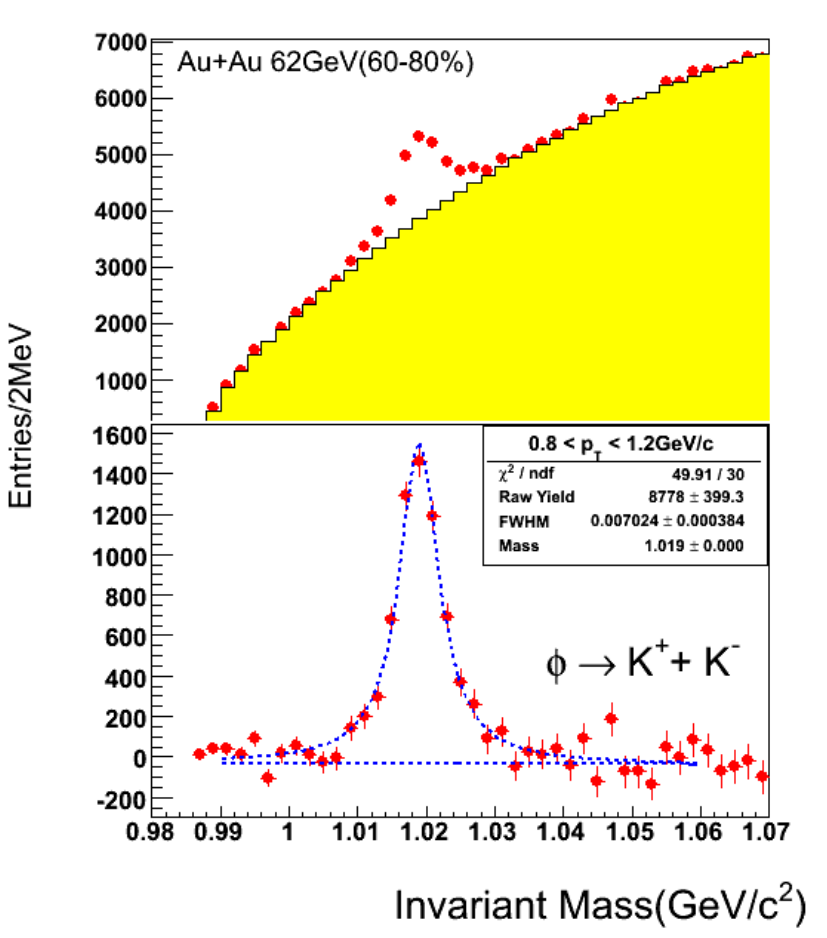
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Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV

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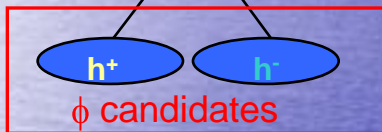


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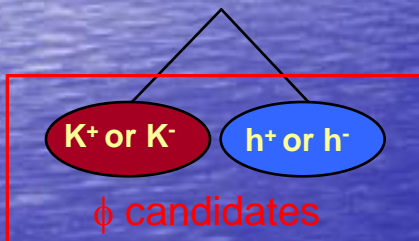
Double ID analysis



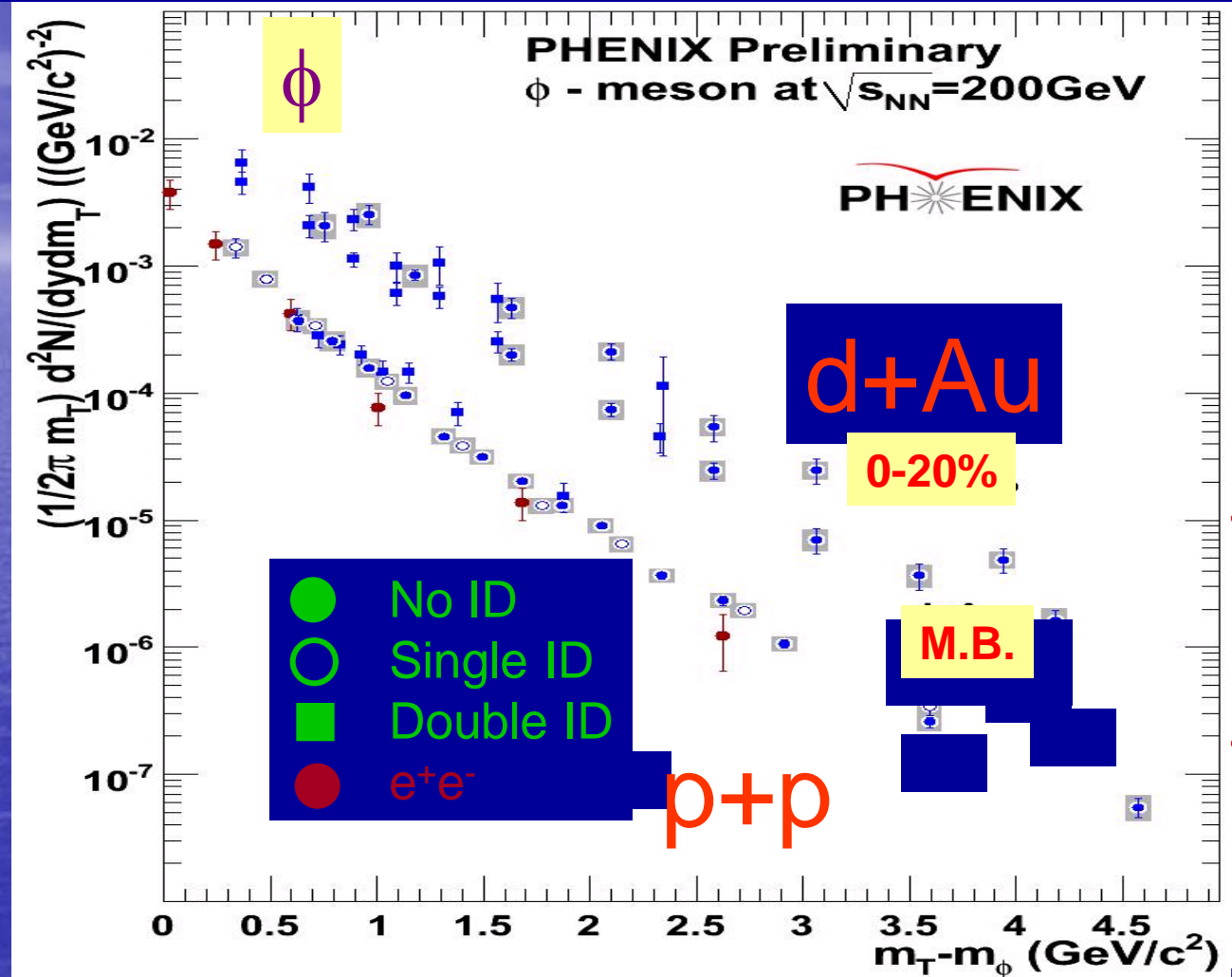
no ID analysis



Single ID analysis



PP collisions: Consistency between $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$ and $\phi \rightarrow e^+e^-$



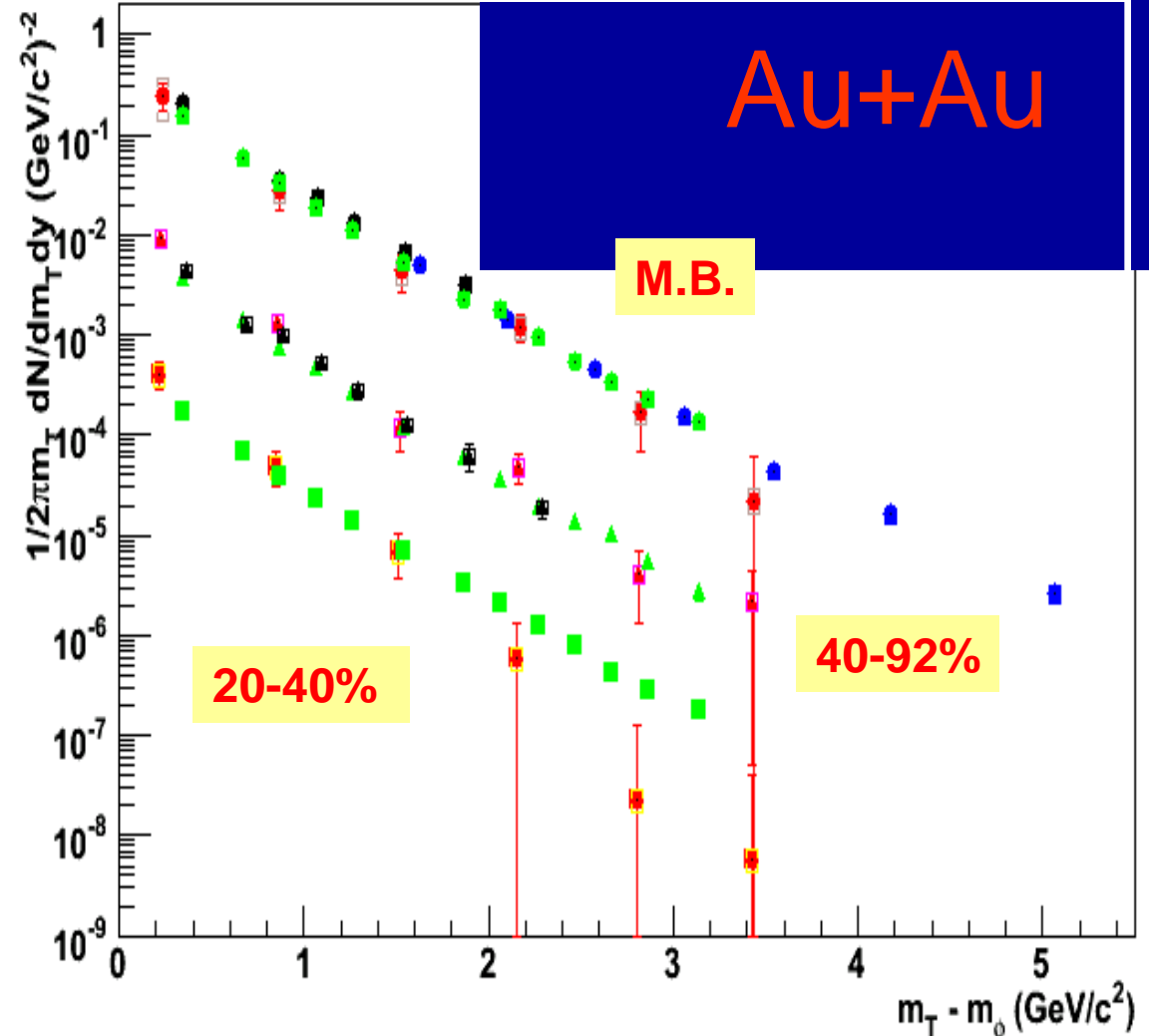
In $p+p$, spectra of e^+e^- and K^+K^- show reasonable agreement!

Possibility

Spectra comparison between

$\phi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ and $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$

- $\phi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ AuAu MB
- $\phi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ 20-40% $\times 10^{-3}$
- ▲ $\phi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ 40-92% $\times 10^{-1}$
- $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$ AuAu MB (no PID)
- $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$ AuAu MB (double PID)
- $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$ AuAu MB (PRC72 014903)
- $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$ 20-40% $\times 10^{-3}$ (double PID)
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Errors are too large to make any clear statement about the comparison of spectra for $\phi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ and $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$.

Conclusion

- Decay modes ratios-new source of information
- Vector mesons – candidates for the study of the effect

To Do

- To make calculations for the effect of interest within realistic model
- To create algorithm for photonic modes identification in AA interactions
- To check this algorithm for ALICE&CBM conditions with realistic simulations

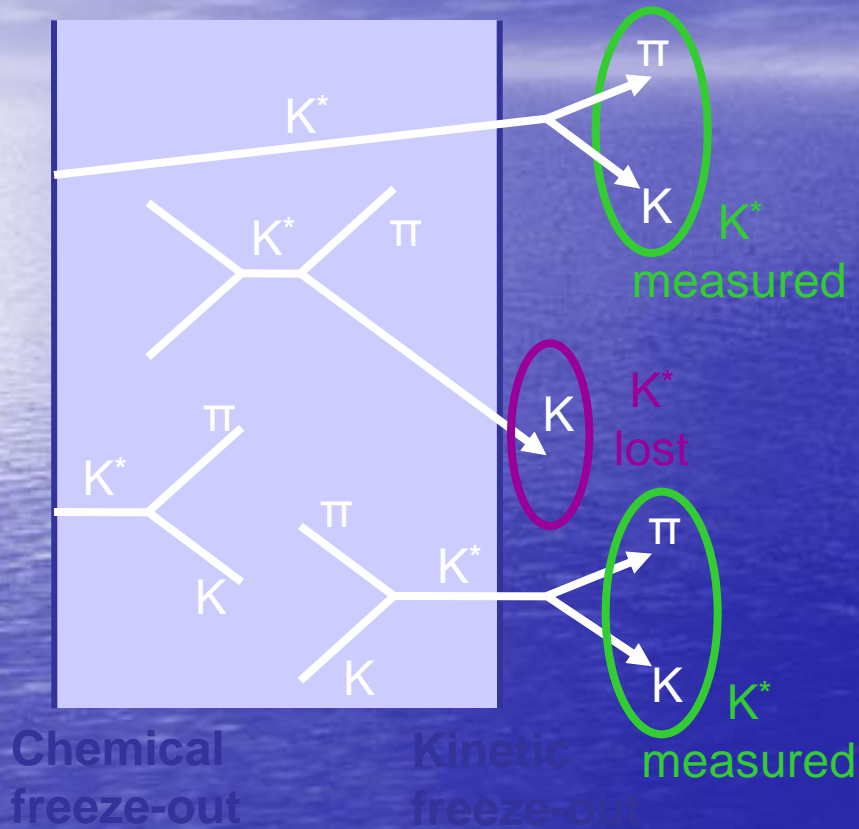
Extra slides

The background of the slide is a deep blue gradient. On the left side, there is a bright, glowing light source that creates a shimmering, rippling effect across the surface, resembling water reflecting sunlight. The overall atmosphere is serene and expansive.

- $\Phi \Rightarrow$ information **early stages of the collision**
- $\Phi \Rightarrow$ **different production** for **hadronic** and **leptonic channels**

S. Pal *et al.*, Nucl.Phys. A707 (2002) 525-539

- $K^* \Rightarrow$ **time between chemical and kinetic freeze-out**

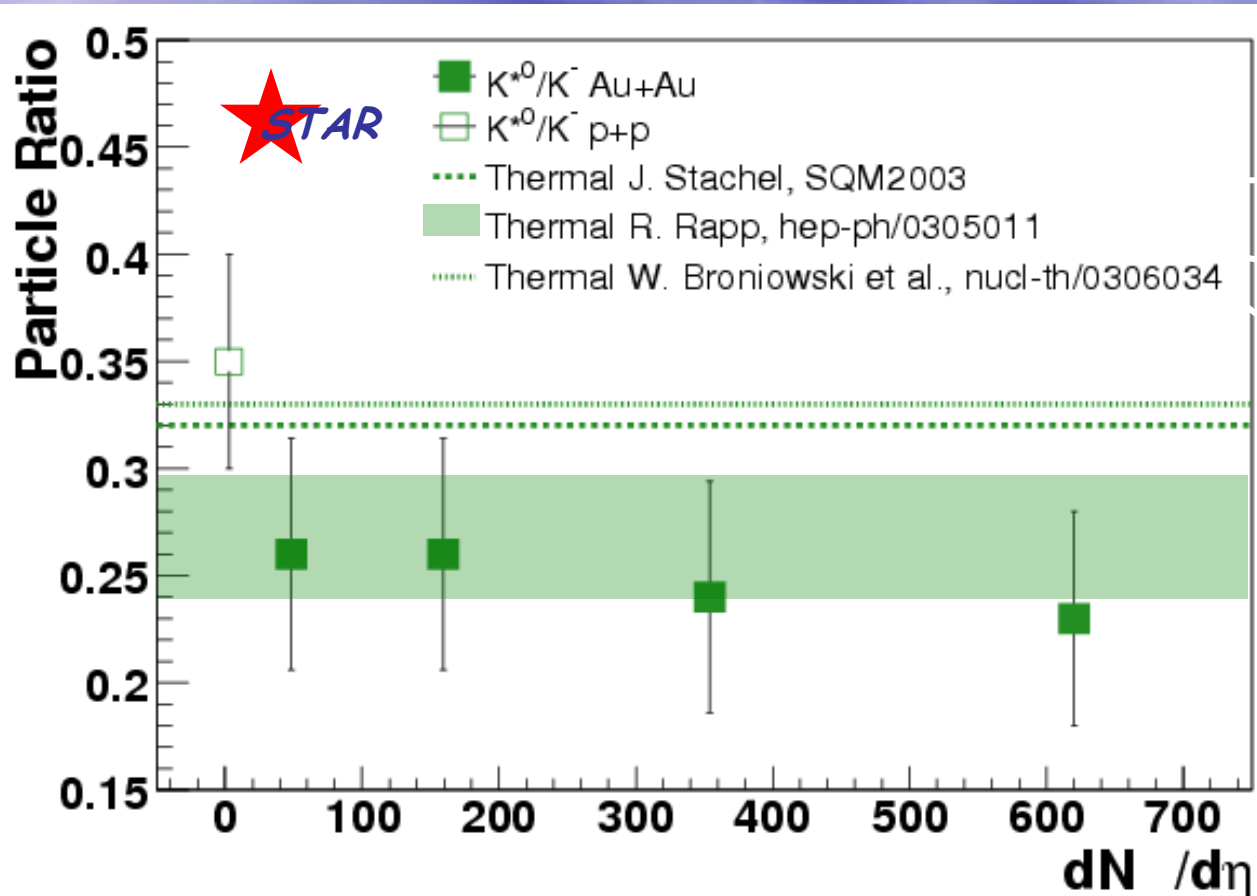


- If **resonance** decays before kinetic freeze-out \Rightarrow not reconstructed due to **rescattering** of daughters
- K^{*0} ($c\tau = 4$ fm) survival probability \Rightarrow **time** between chemical and kinetic freeze-out, **source size** and p_T of K^{*0}
- Chemical freeze-out \Rightarrow **elastic interactions** $\pi K \rightarrow K^{*0} \rightarrow \pi K$ **regenerate** $K^{*0}(892)$ until kinetic freeze-out
- K^{*0}/K may reveal **time** between **chemical** and **kinetic freeze-out**

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$K^* \Rightarrow$ Ratios



Chemical freeze-out

Kinetic freeze-out

Chemical = Kinetic
freeze-out

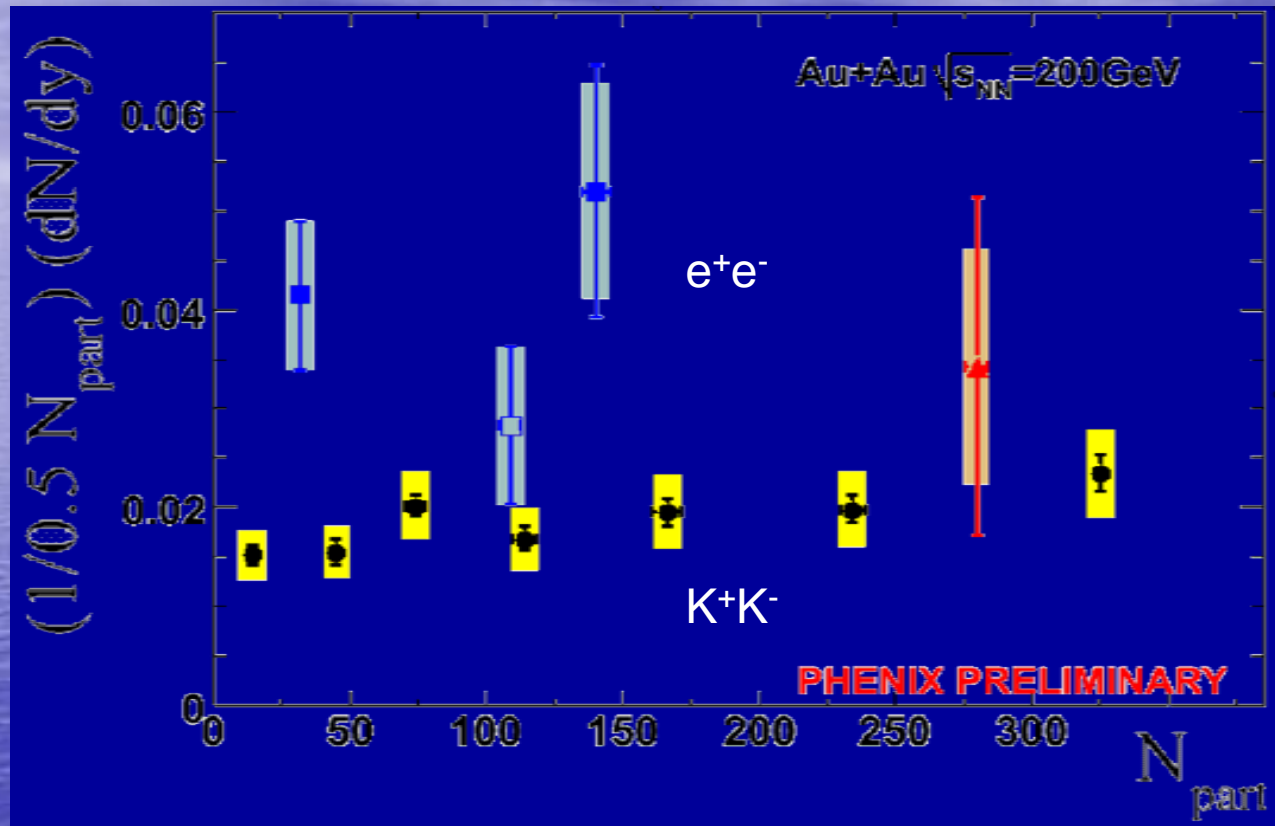
- $K^*/K^- \Rightarrow$ p+p ratio reproduced by thermal model at chemical freeze-out \Rightarrow Au+Au reproduced by thermal model at kinetic freeze-out

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Branching ratio between e^+e^-
and K^+K^- may be sensitive to
mass modification, since M_{ϕ} is
approximately $2 \times M_K$.

→ Compare yields of $\phi \rightarrow e^+e^-$
and $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$

Φ Production $\Rightarrow K^+K^-$ and e^+e^-



- The leptonic channel yield is a **little higher** than hadronic channel
- **More accurate measurement** is required to confirm whether there is branch ratio modification

What is the difference?

- Modes absorption vs Mass modification
 - Standard mesons vs modified mesons
 - $\phi \rightarrow KK$ & $\phi \rightarrow \eta\gamma$
- Modes absorption vs K/K^* ratio
 - Reference- Lepton modes vs thermal model
 - Hadronization stage vs equilibrium stage
- Modes absorption vs both other approaches
 - Internal cross-check - 3 modes

Real σ_{MN} in matter can differ from that in free space

- ω photoproduction on nuclear targets (ELSA)

M.Kotulla et al., ArXiv: nucl-ex/08020980

$\sigma_{\omega N} \approx 70$ mb (in nuclear medium, $0.5 < P < 1.6$ GeV/c)

$\sigma_{\omega N} \approx 25$ mb (in free space - the model calculations)

photoproduction on nuclear targets

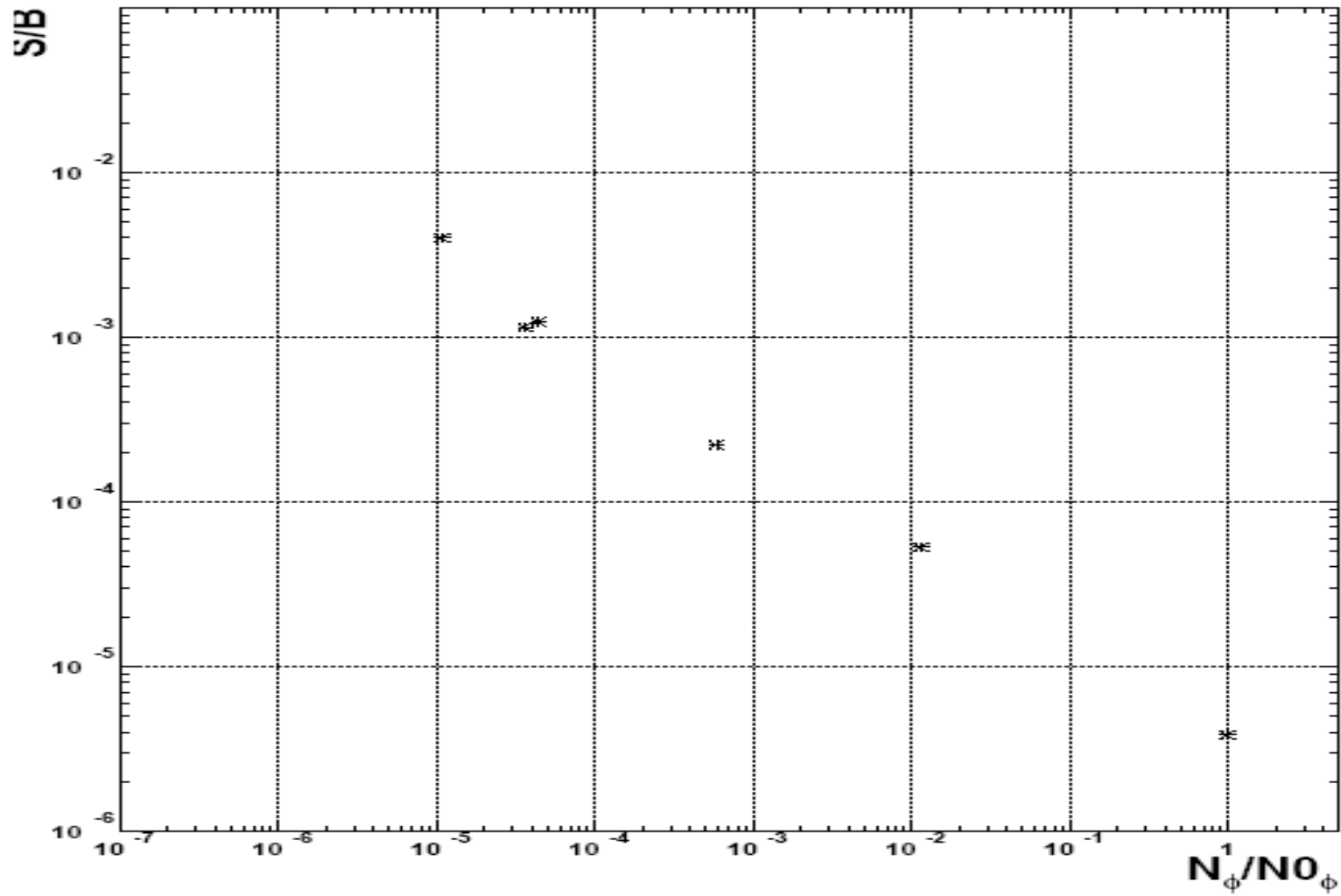
- ϕ photoproduction on nuclear targets

T.Ishikawa et al., Phys.Lett.B608,215,(2005)

$\sigma_{\phi N} = 35 \pm 14$ mb (in nuclear medium)

$\sigma_{\phi N} \approx 10$ mb (in free space)

“ ϕ -puzzle”

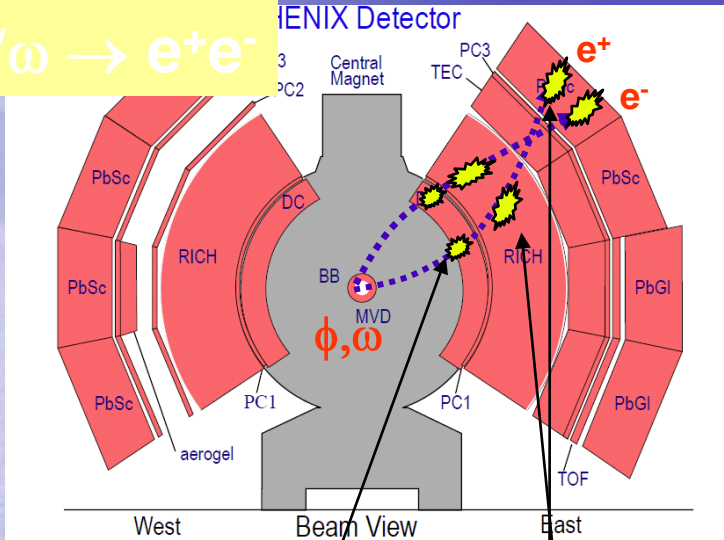
RQMD Au(fix) + Au($E_{\text{nucl}}=30$ GeV), Pt cuts, ϕ to $\eta\gamma$ 

Formulas

$$\begin{aligned} W_i &= B_i * (\exp\{-l/l_0\} + \\ &+ \int_0^{l/l_0} \exp\{-\frac{x}{l_0}\} d(\frac{x}{l_0}) [1 - \int_0^{(l-x)/l_i} \exp\{-\frac{y}{l_i}\} d(\frac{y}{l_i})]) = \\ &= B_i * \left(\frac{\exp\{-l/l_0\}}{1-l_i/l_0} + \frac{\exp\{-l/l_i\}}{1-l_0/l_i} \right) \rightarrow \\ &\rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} B_i(l_i \rightarrow \infty) \\ B_i * \exp\{-l/l_0\} (l_i \rightarrow 0) \end{array} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Electron, hadron and photon in PHENIX

$$\phi/\omega \rightarrow e^+e^-$$

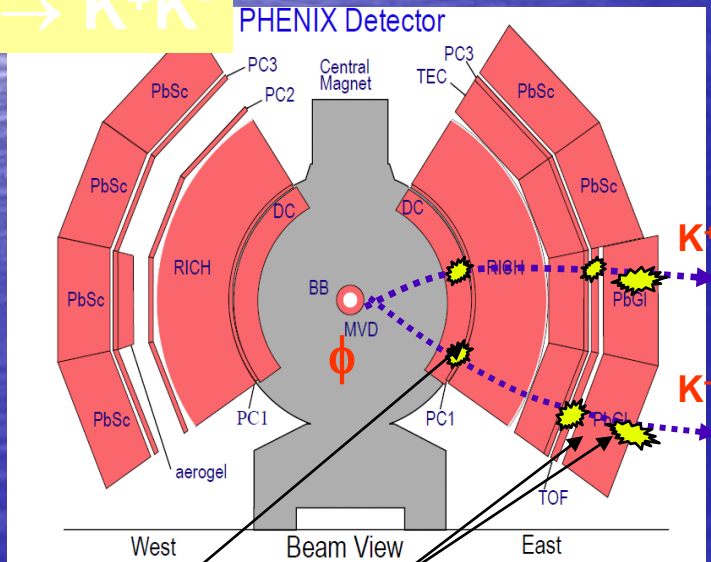


Momentum Electron ID

- PHENIX acceptance
 - 0.35 < η < 0.35
 - 2 x 90° in azimuthal angle for two arms
- Event selection
 - BBC

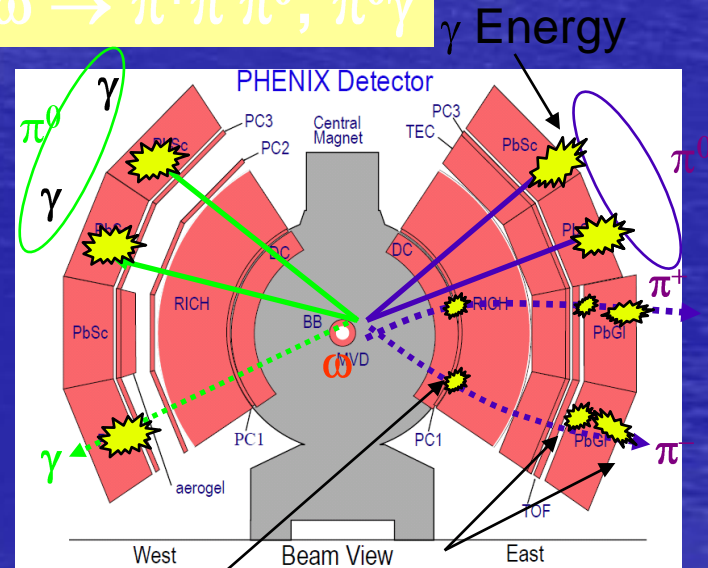
• Electron ID	• photon ID	• Hadron ID
RICH	EMCal	TOF
EMCal		EMCal-TOF

$$\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$$

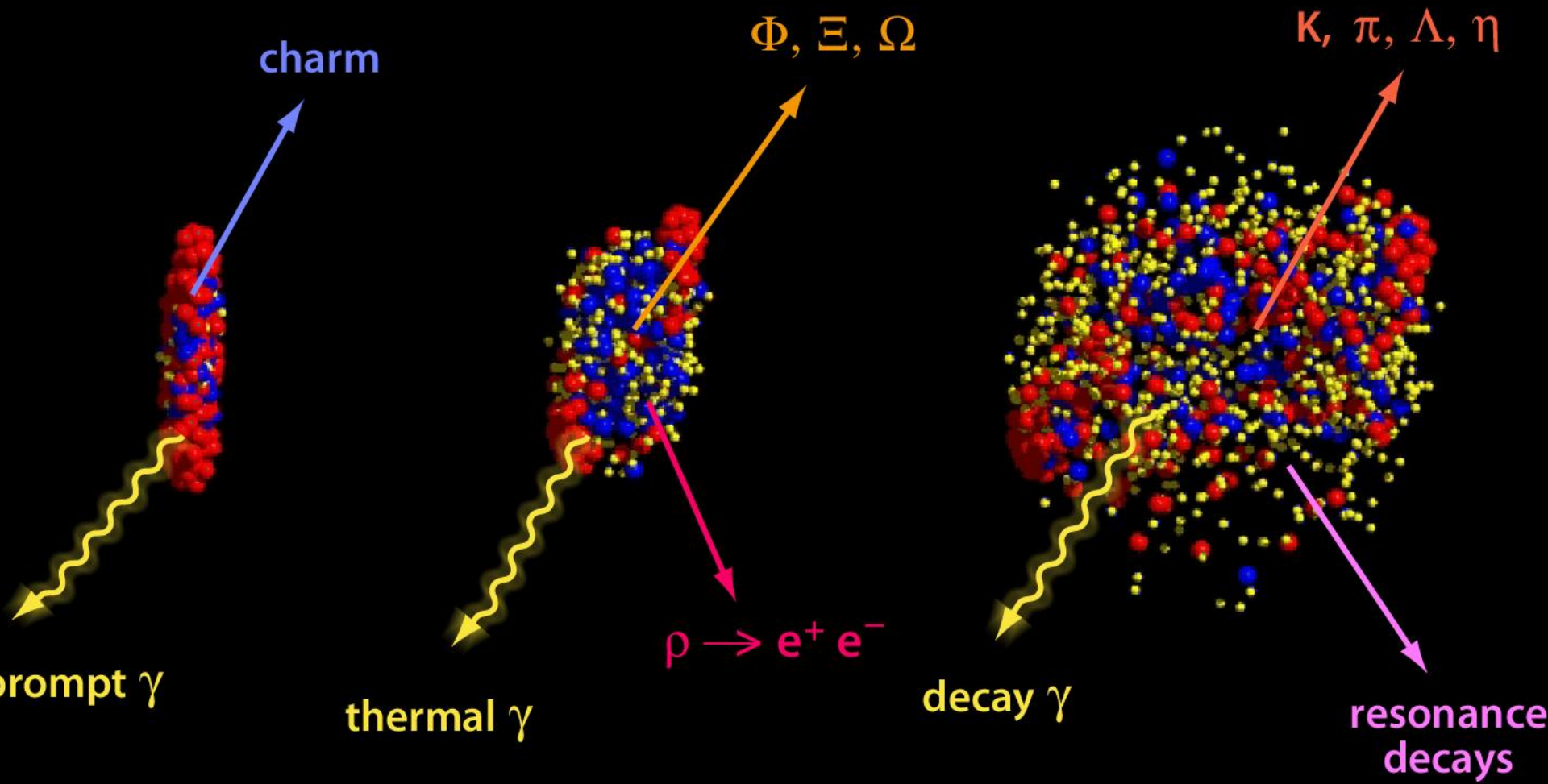


Momentum Hadron ID

$$\omega \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0, \pi^0\gamma$$



Momentum Hadron ID



Why ϕ ?(common part)

The ϕ –meson was proposed in the middle of 80' (Koch,Muller,Rafelski PR142,ShorPRL54) as one of the most promising QGP messengers because of the following reasons:

- an enhancement of ϕ –meson, as well as other strange hadrons in QGP phase
- ϕ interaction cross section is small and ϕ will keep information about the early hot and dense phase
- ϕ meson spectrum is not distorted by feeddown from resonance decays
- strangeness local conservation for ϕ